

Welcome!

The Refuge Point Snowshoe Trail is marked and not groomed. The complete loop is 2.3 miles or 4 kilometers long, however, this can be shortened by taking the Smokejumper cutoff. By following the blue diamond markers, you will go over gentle, rolling hills and through Douglas Fir, Lodge pole Pine and Aspen forests.

General Information

- After a high wind or a new snowfall you might be breaking trail.
- Stumps or rocks may be present on the trail.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions .
- Dogs welcome.

Trail Location:

Follow U.S. Hwy 287 north and west from West Yellowstone, Montana. Refuge Point is 23 miles from West Yellowstone to the marked trailhead sign.

History of Refuge Point

On the night of the 1959 earthquake about 250 people were camped in the Madison River Canyon. Their escape was blocked by the highway break at Hebgen Lake and the huge landslide at the mouth of the canyon. Realizing they were trapped, most of the people gathered on the Refuge Point ridge. A U.S.D.A. Forest Service smokejumper rescue team parachuted to this point to give first aid and to prepare the injured for evacuation by helicopter.

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Snowshoe and Ski Trail

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